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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL CHANGES AT WHO

1. MISSION HAS LEARNED DR J. COHEN IS ABOUT TO BE REASSIGNED FROM CHIEF, HEADQUARTERS PROGRAM COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT, TO A NEW WHO POSITION. INFORMATION IS NOT YET AVAILABLE ON HIS SUCCESSOR OR IF THE HEADQUARTERS PROGRAM COMMITTEE STRUCTURE IS TO BE CHANGED.

2. ON DR COHEN'S REASSIGNMENT, A PERTINENT EXTRACT FROM AN INTERNAL DG MAHLER MEMO TO HIS ADGS APPEARS BELOW:

"FOR SOME TIME I HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION AND I HAVE NOW DECIDED TO STRENGTHEN MY OWN HAND AND THAT OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL BY SETTING UP A SMALL SUPPORT GROUP IN MY OFFICE TO HELP US DEAL WITH ALL MATTERS OF PROGRAM AND PROGRAM COORDINATION POLICY. DR J. I. COHEN, CURRENTLY SECRETARY, HQ PROGRAM COMMITTEE, WILL SHORTLY BE REASSIGNED AND GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS GROUP.

"THE GROUP WILL ACT IN A STAFF CAPACITY, TO ASSIST THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL AND MY SELF; IT WILL HAVE NO EXECUTIVE ROLE AND WILL NOT INTERVENE IN THE ESTABLISHED LINE FUNCTIONS OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT. INDEED, I EXPECT IT TO BE ANYTHING BUT BUREAUCRATIC IN ITS STYLE AND ITS METHODS OF WORK. IT WILL

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OPERATE MOSTLY THROUGH DIRECT PERSONAL CONTACT,

HOLDING DIALOGUES WITH ALL THOSE CONCERNED AT ALL
LEVELS, AND WILL CONVEY, THROUGH INFORMAL COMMUNICA-
TIONS, WHATEVER POLICY GUIDANCE I SHALL WISH TO
PROVIDE." CATTO

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